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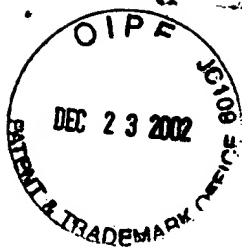
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, be extended for three months to and including December 18, 2002. Please charge the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R 1.17 to our Deposit Account 08-0219.

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